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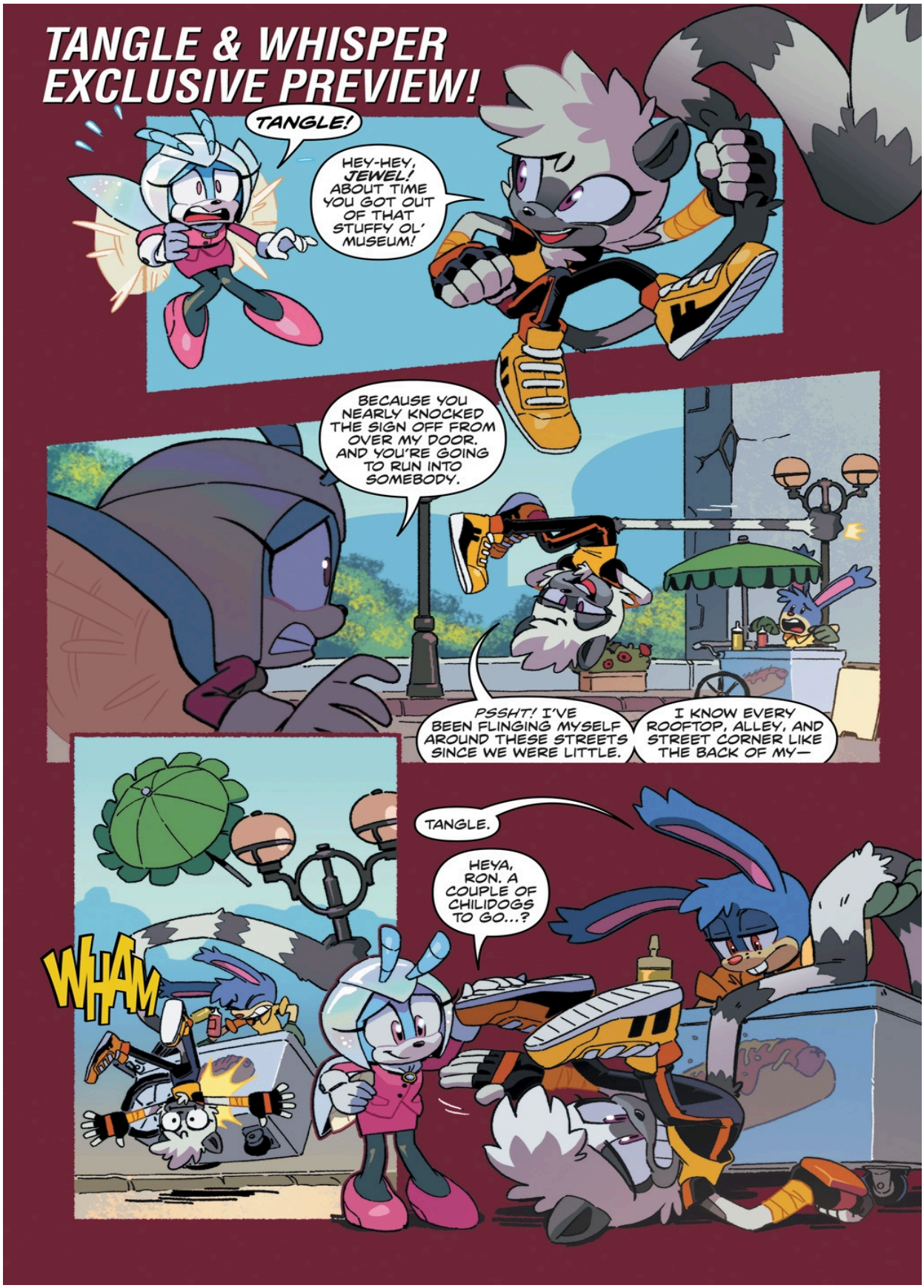
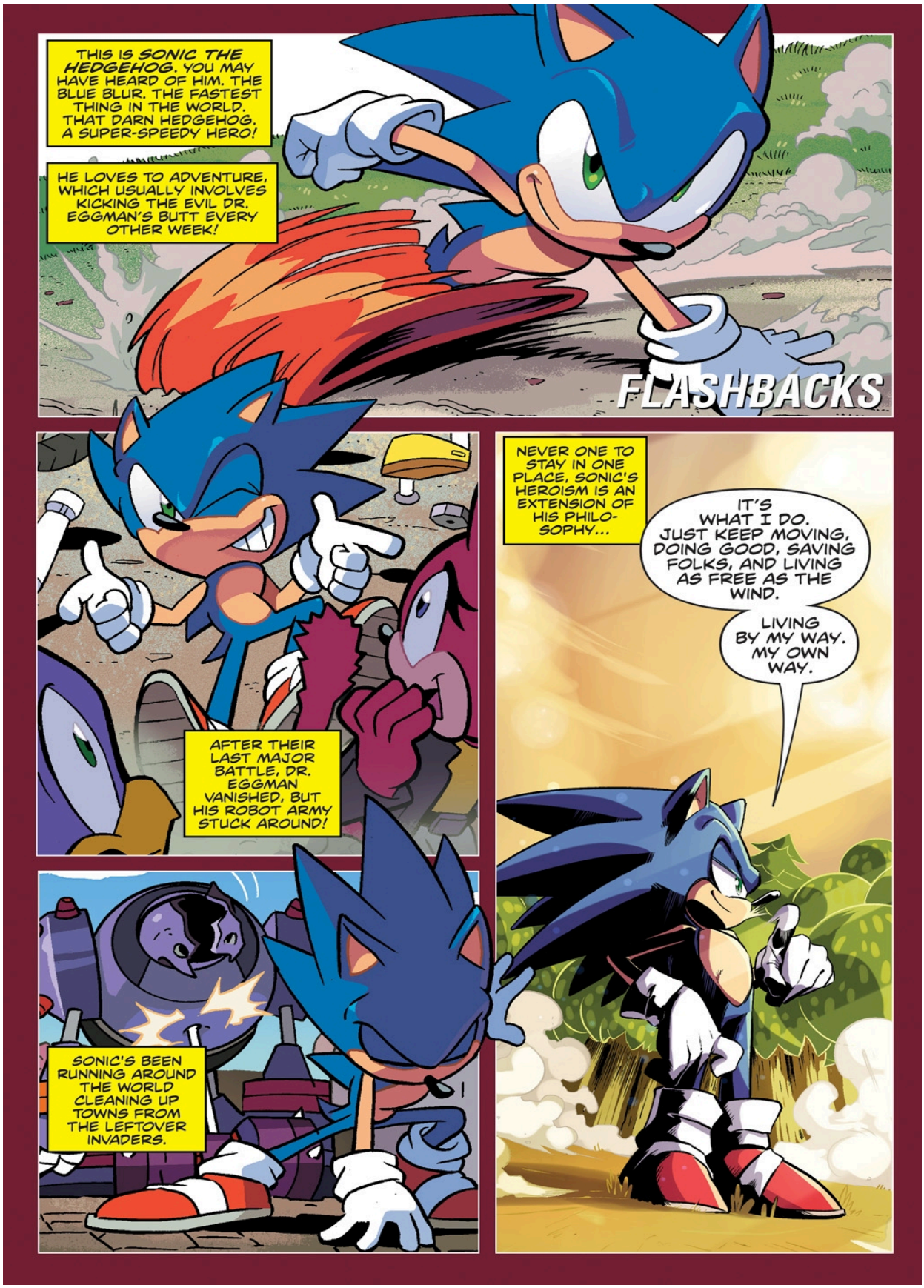
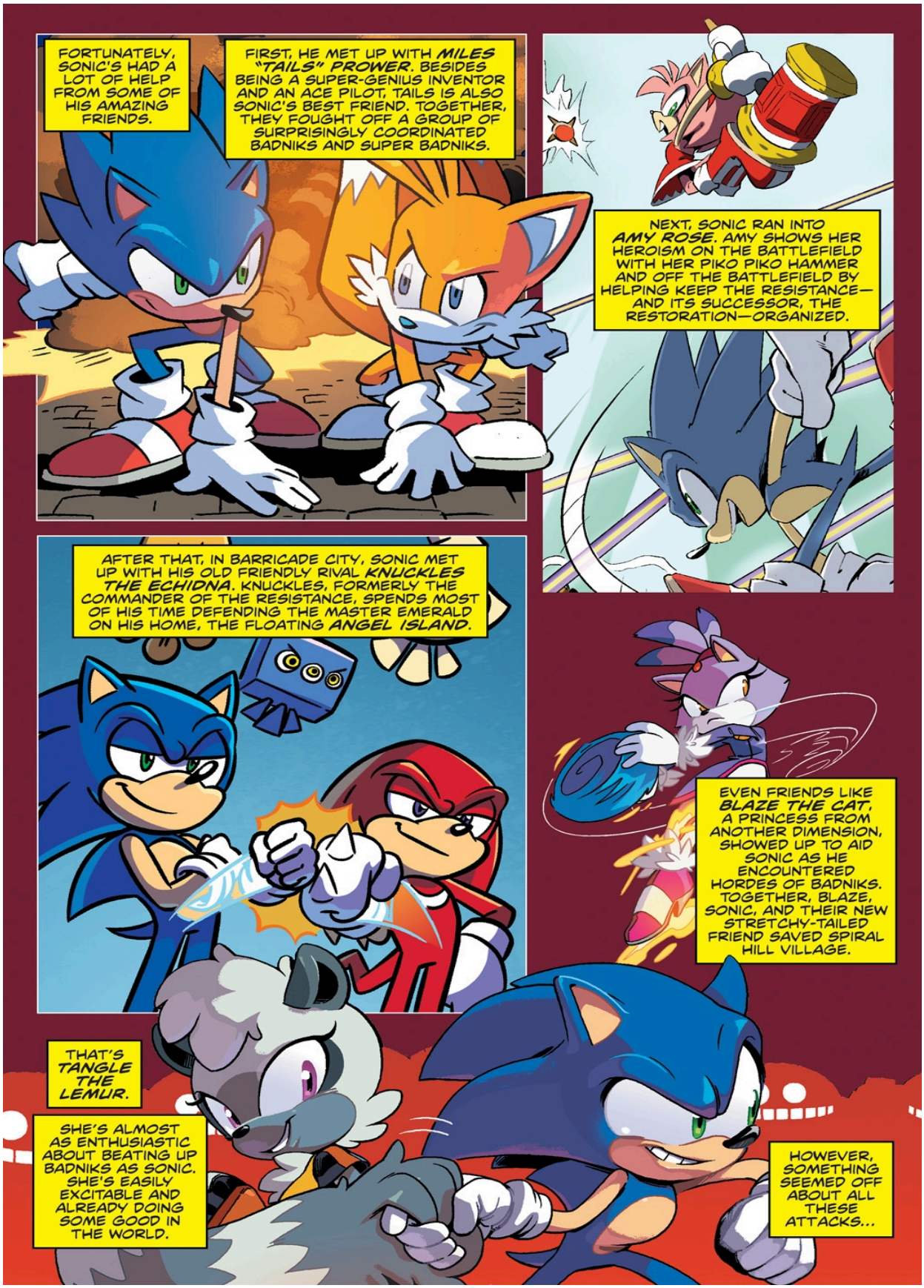

TANGLE!
HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!
BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR. AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.
PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—
WHAM
TANGLE.
HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?

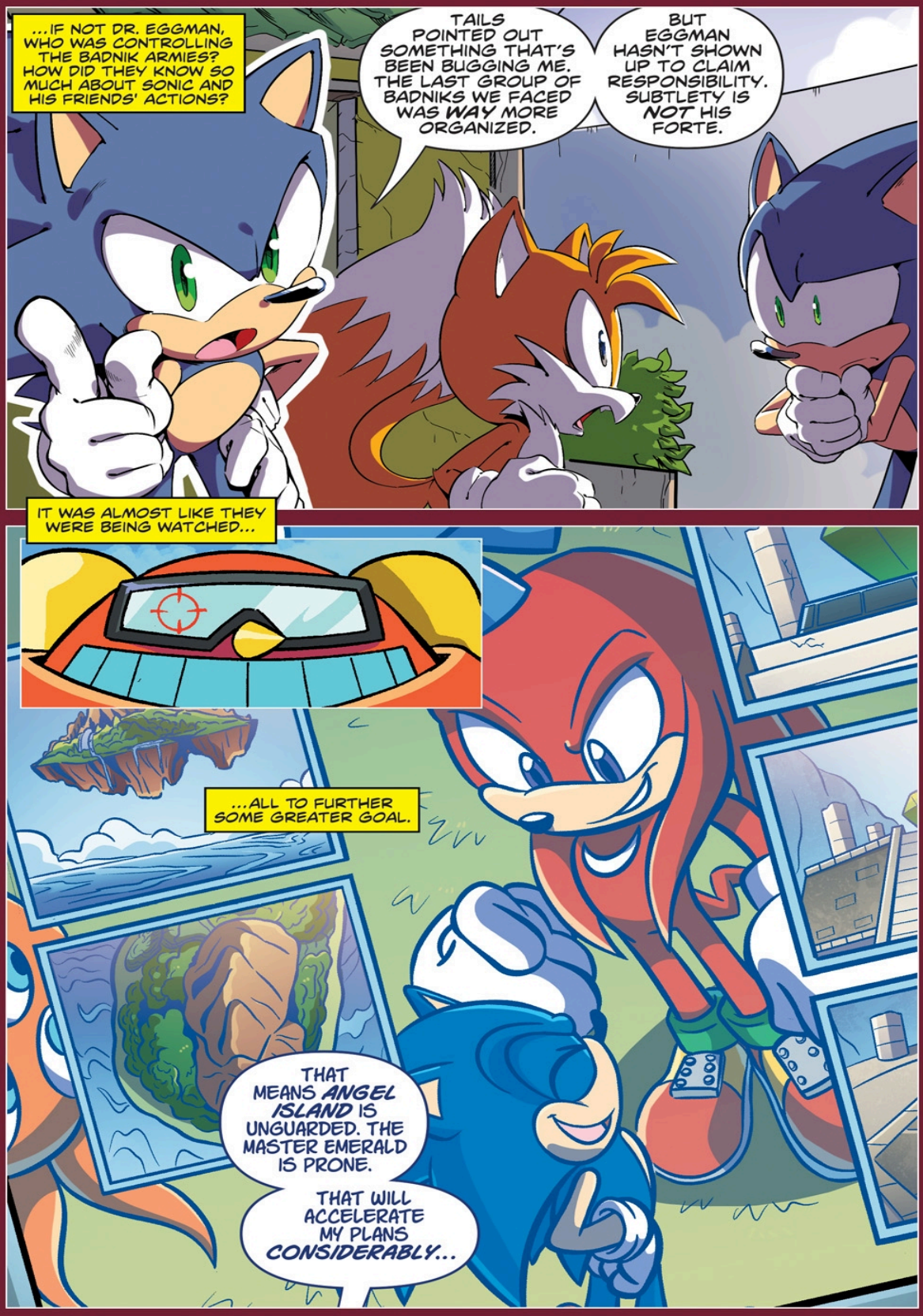
LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.
HOW'S YOUR HEAD?
NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?
TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.
HA HA OW HA HA
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.
LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.
I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...
...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!
I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!
I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!
I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!

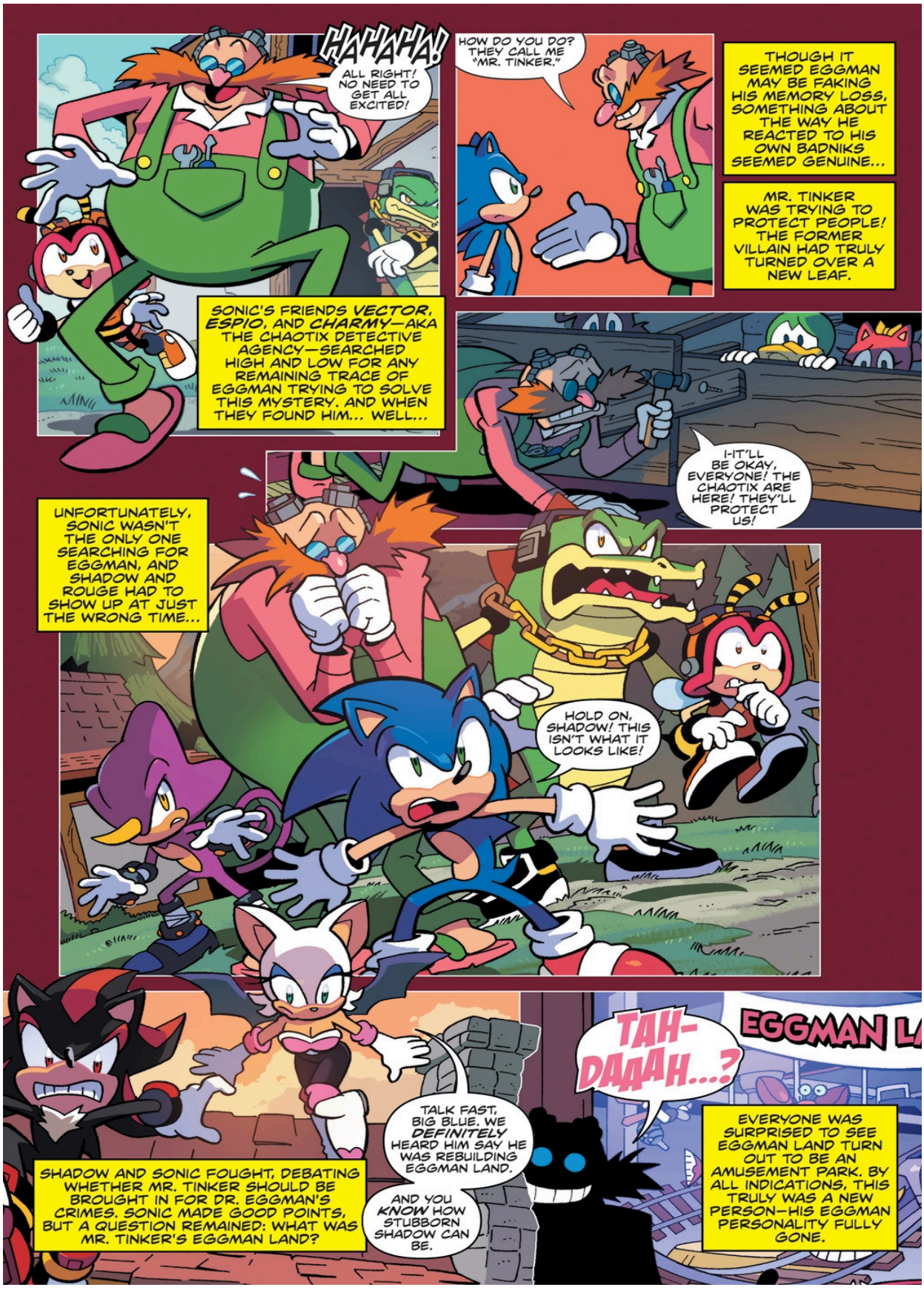
AND I COME HOME TO PEACE AND QUIET. I CAN'T STAND IT.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN ADVENTURES?
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S TEMPTING, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN HERE?
EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED ONCE.*
IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.
AND IT'D BE THE FIRST TIME YOU'D BE FLYING SOLO. LONELY BEFORE YOU EVEN LEAVE?
THAT, AND NERVOUS. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU TO WATCH MY BACK.
-INFO-
CRASH

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THE BABYLON ROGUES CAME BACK!*
I'LL CHECK IT OUT! YOU HIDE AND TRY NOT TO LOOK EXPENSIVE—HAHA!
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANNUAL 2019.
SONIC?
SONIC UNDER ATTACK?!
SONIC UNDER ATTACK FROM WHISPER?!
TO BE CONTINUED IN SONIC: TANGLE & WHISPER #1 ON SALE THIS JULY!


THIS IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF HIM. THE BLUE BLUR. THE FASTEST THING IN THE WORLD. THAT DARN HEDGEHOG. A SUPER-SPEEDY HERO!
HE LOVES TO ADVENTURE, WHICH USUALLY INVOLVES KICKING THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN'S BUTT EVERY OTHER WEEK!
FLASHBACKS
AFTER THEIR LAST MAJOR BATTLE, DR. EGGMAN VANISHED, BUT HIS ROBOT ARMY STUCK AROUND!
SONIC'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND THE WORLD CLEANING UP TOWNS FROM THE LEFTOVER INVADERS.
NEVER ONE TO STAY IN ONE PLACE, SONIC'S HEROISM IS AN EXTENSION OF HIS PHILO-SOPHY...
IT'S WHAT I DO. JUST KEEP MOVING, DOING GOOD, SAVING FOLKS, AND LIVING AS FREE AS THE WIND.
LIVING BY MY WAY. MY OWN WAY.


FORTUNATELY, SONIC'S HAD A LOT OF HELP FROM SOME OF HIS AMAZING FRIENDS.
FIRST, HE MET UP WITH MILES "TAILS" PROWER. BESIDES BEING A SUPER-GENIUS INVENTOR AND AN ACE PILOT, TAILS IS ALSO SONIC'S BEST FRIEND. TOGETHER, THEY FOUGHT OFF A GROUP OF SURPRISINGLY COORDINATED BADNIKS AND SUPER BADNIKS.
NEXT, SONIC RAN INTO AMY ROSE. AMY SHOWS HER HEROISM ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH HER PIKO PIKO HAMMER AND OFF THE BATTLEFIELD BY HELPING KEEP THE RESISTANCE—AND ITS SUCCESSOR, THE RESTORATION—ORGANIZED.
AFTER THAT, IN BARRICADE CITY, SONIC MET UP WITH HIS OLD FRIENDLY RIVAL KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. KNUCKLES, FORMERLY THE COMMANDER OF THE RESISTANCE, SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME DEFENDING THE MASTER EMERALD ON HIS HOME, THE FLOATING ANGEL ISLAND.
EVEN FRIENDS LIKE BLAZE THE CAT, A PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, SHOWED UP TO AID SONIC AS HE ENCOUNTERED HORDES OF BADNIKS. TOGETHER, BLAZE, SONIC, AND THEIR NEW STRETCHY-TAILED FRIEND SAVED SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.
THAT'S TANGLE THE LEMUR.
SHE'S ALMOST AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BEATING UP BADNIKS AS SONIC. SHE'S EASILY EXCITABLE AND ALREADY DOING SOME GOOD IN THE WORLD.
HOWEVER, SOMETHING SEEMED OFF ABOUT ALL THESE ATTACKS...


...IF NOT DR. EGGMAN, WHO WAS CONTROLLING THE BADNIK ARMIES? HOW DID THEY KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS' ACTIONS?
TAILS POINTED OUT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME. THE LAST GROUP OF BADNIKS WE FACED WAS WAY MORE ORGANIZED.
BUT EGGMAN HASN'T SHOWN UP TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY. SUBTLETY IS NOT HIS FORTE.
IT WAS ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE BEING WATCHED...
...ALL TO FURTHER SOME GREATER GOAL.
THAT MEANS ANGEL ISLAND IS UNGUARDED. THE MASTER EMERALD IS PRONE.
THAT WILL ACCELERATE MY PLANS CONSIDERABLY...


HAHAHA!
ALL RIGHT! NO NEED TO GET ALL EXCITED!
HOW DO YOU DO? THEY CALL ME "MR. TINKER."
THOUGH IT SEEMED EGGMAN MAY BE FAKING HIS MEMORY LOSS, SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY HE REACTED TO HIS OWN BADNIKS SEEMED GENUINE...
MR. TINKER WAS TRYING TO PROTECT PEOPLE! THE FORMER VILLAIN HAD TRULY TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF.
SONIC'S FRIENDS VECTOR, ESPIO, AND CHARMY—AKA THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY—SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR ANY REMAINING TRACE OF EGGMAN TRYING TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY. AND WHEN THEY FOUND HIM... WELL...
I-IT'LL BE OKAY, EVERYONE! THE CHAOTIX ARE HERE! THEY'LL PROTECT US!
UNFORTUNATELY, SONIC WASN'T THE ONLY ONE SEARCHING FOR EGGMAN, AND SHADOW AND ROUGE HAD TO SHOW UP AT JUST THE WRONG TIME...
HOLD ON, SHADOW! THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
TALK FAST, BIG BLUE. WE DEFINITELY HEARD HIM SAY HE WAS REBUILDING EGGMAN LAND.
AND YOU KNOW HOW STUBBORN SHADOW CAN BE.
SHADOW AND SONIC FOUGHT, DEBATING WHETHER MR. TINKER SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN FOR DR. EGGMAN'S CRIMES. SONIC MADE GOOD POINTS, BUT A QUESTION REMAINED: WHAT WAS MR. TINKER'S EGGMAN LAND?
TAH-DAAAH...?
EGGMAN LA
EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE EGGMAN LAND TURN OUT TO BE AN AMUSEMENT PARK. BY ALL INDICATIONS, THIS TRULY WAS A NEW PERSON—HIS EGGMAN PERSONALITY FULLY GONE.

WELL-WELL-WELL! WHAT A SURPRISE!
STILL, SOMEONE WAS CONTROLLING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE, AND SONIC WAS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT WHO.
INFILTRATING AN EGG CARRIER, HE WAS SHOCKED TO FIND EGGMAN! BUT THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE EGGMAN, COULD IT?
I KNEW IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP TO SPOIL MY FUN. I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE YOU'D COME ALL THE WAY UP HERE TO FIND ME!
"BUT I SERVE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRULY RULE IT IS DR. EGGMAN.
NEO METAL SONIC—THE EMPOWERED FORM OF METAL SONIC—HAD REPLACED EGGMAN TO COMMAND HIS FLEET AND CREATE THE ILLUSION THAT THE BAD DOCTOR HAD NEVER DISAPPEARED.
"I DECIDED I WOULD USE HIS PERSONA TO ENSURE HIS REIGN REMAINED UNBROKEN."
I WILL CONQUER THE WORLD FOR EGGMAN AS EGGMAN.
AND YOU WILL TELL ME WHERE HE IS SO I MAY HAND OVER CONTROL TO HIM.
BY USING EGGMAN'S BIO-SIGNATURE, NEO METAL SONIC UPGRADED HIMSELF TO A TRUE THREAT—AND, WITH HIS NEWFOUND INTELLIGENCE, HATCHED A NEW PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION.
KNOWING MORE OF NEO METAL SONIC'S GOAL, IT WAS UP TO SONIC TO ESCAPE WITHOUT GIVING UP ANY INFORMATION ABOUT MR. TINKER...
NOT THAT SONIC COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN NEO METAL SONIC DOWN. THE RETREAT WAS STRATEGIC—BETTER TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS DOING AND CALL IN BACK-UP IF NEEDED.
BUT I HAVE WON TODAY. I KNOW EGGMAN IS ALIVE WHILE YOU HAVE LEARNED NOTHING OF MY PLANS.
KEEP US IN THE AIR AND ON COURSE. WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FLEET ON SCHEDULE.
OF COURSE, PERHAPS SONIC GETTING AWAY WAS JUST WHAT NEO METAL SONIC WANTED...

SONIC HAD TO FLEE BEFORE LEARNING NEO'S FULL PLANS, SO TO GET MORE INFORMATION, HE INFILTRATED AN EGGBASE WITH HIS FRIEND FROM THE FUTURE, SILVER THE HEDGEHOG!
"WHEN I LEFT, MY TIME HAD BEEN CONQUERED BY THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. EVERYONE LIVED IN FEAR, CHOKING ON POLLUTED AIR.
"WHEN I WENT BACK, THE EGGMAN EMPIRE WAS GONE—BUT SO WAS EVERYONE ELSE.
"THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT. NO PEOPLE, NO ANIMALS, NO MACHINERY. ONLY WATER AND SPARSE, METALLIC PLANT LIFE."
SILVER WAS EAGER TO HELP, HAVING SEEN A TERRIBLE FATE BEFALL HIS FUTURE HOME.
WHILE ON THE MISSION, SONIC AND SILVER ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER NEW ALLY—WHISPER THE WOLF, A SNIPER WITH A SPECIAL WISPON AND VERY SPECIAL WISPS.
SHE HELPED THEM TAKE DOWN THE REMAINING BADNIKS IN THE BASE AND HACK INTO THE COMPUTER, REVEALING NEO'S PLANS...

NEO HAD HIS EYE ON ANGEL ISLAND AND THE MASTER EMERALD. SO, SONIC PUT OUT THE CALL AND GATHERED ALL THE HEROES HE COULD TO FIGHT THE THREAT.
NEO WAS TWO STEPS AHEAD OF THEM THOUGH. USING THE POWER OF THE MASTER EMERALD, HE UPGRADED HIMSELF AGAIN TO SUPER NEO METAL SONIC.
THEN HE ESCALATED THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL, BECOMING MASTER OVERLORD—PART SONIC, PART EGGMAN, PART SHADOW, PART MASTER EMERALD, PART METAL SONIC, AND ALL BAD NEWS!
TOGETHER, THE HEROES STILL WON THE DAY!

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. NEO WAS DEFEATED. MR. TINKER'S SAFE AND SOUND.
WITH MOST OF SONIC'S ENEMIES OUT OF COMMISSION, MAYBE HE'LL FINALLY GET TO RELAX.
OF COURSE, WHEN NEW VILLAINS DO ARISE, SONIC WILL BE THERE...
...AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE NEEDED SOONER THAN HE THINKS!
CONTINUED EVERY MONTH IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!